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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIANS FORCED BACK TO AGORDAT

1. QUOTING ELF SOURCES SUNA REPORTS SEPTEMBER 4 THAT ETHIOPIAN
FORCE ATTEMPTING MOVE OUT OF AGORDAT WAS FORCED RETREAT
LEAVING TWO TANKS AND 300 DEAD IN BATTLEFIELD. INCIDENT
TOOK PLACE AUGUST 26. ARTICLE GOES ON TO NOTE ELF FORCES
DESTROYED THREE PERSONNEL CARRIERS AND KILLED THREE ETHIOPIANS
IN ADI KHOLA TOWN AND ON AUGUST 31 ERITREAN GUERILLAS
DESTROYED THREE ETHIOPIAN MILITARY VEHICLES 20 KILOMETERS
FROM ASMARA.

2. COMMENT: THIS FIRST NEWS OF ELF SUCCESSES TO APPEAR IN LOCAL
PRESS FOR SOME TIME. MOST NEWS OF ERITREAN VICTORIES RECENTLY
HAVE BEEN FROM EPMF SOURCES. ELF, NO DOUBT, WISHES BALANCE NEWS
OF RECENT HEAVY LOSSES IN FACE ETHIOPIAN OFFENSIVE. TRADITION-
ALLY, SUNA REPORTS OF BATTLEFIELD ACTIVITY IN ERITREA HAVE BEEN
ACCURATE.
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